GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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ISSUING OF OB
HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether OB is issued on the day of booking of a new telephone connection;

(b) if so, the number of OBs issued and the number of new telephone connections out of the total provided in Gujarat during the last six month;

(c) the reasons for delay in clearing the pending telephone connections; and

(d) the time by which these connections are likely to be provided?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Sir, no specific time period has been prescribed. OBs are issued as early as possible.

(b) In Gujarat, during the last six months, 3,08,796 OBs were issued and 3,12,796 telephone connections were provided which includes execution of carried forward OBs as well.

(c) The delay in clearing the pending telephone connections is due to the following reasons.

i. Area technically not feasible.
ii. Delay in getting permission from railway and local authority for laying underground cable.
iii. Non availability of connectable capacity.

(d) It is planned to clear the pending OBs as of 01.04.2001 progressively during the current financial year.